

And so this farm bill has got to recognize the principle I just outlined and help ranchers and farmers. I strongly favor expanding EQIP program. I think it makes a lot of sense. Good conservation policy in a farm bill will enable ranchers and farmers to make better decisions. It's an important part of the farm bill, and I hope the Senate hears that. And I know the folks on this podium agree, on the stage agree with the principle inherent, and not only in that aspect of a good farm policy but the other four I described. I just want to assure you all that these just aren't opinions of mine; these are commitments of mine, commitments to good agriculture policy.

And so we're, as a nation, are dealing with some tough times, but I've never been more confident or optimistic. I think it's because I know the true strength of the country, and the true strength of the country is our citizens. We're a land of strong, hard-working, compassionate people.

I'm asked all the time, "What can I do to help in the war against terror?" Well, you've probably figured it out by now that I don't see many shades of gray in the war on terror. Either you're with us, or you're against us. And it's a struggle between good, and it's a struggle between evil. And if you're interested in fighting evil, do some good. And by that, I mean, show some compassion to a neighbor in need. You know, when people walk across the street to help a shut-in, they're doing some good. When people take time to mentor a child, that's doing some good. We've got children whose parents are in prison; they wonder, "Gosh, I wonder if America is meant for me?" There's a hopelessness that can creep in their lives. What America needs to do in order to fight evil is to have mentors all across the country who are willing to put their arm around a child and say, "I love you a lot. America counts for you as much as it counts for me."

No, if we want to fight good—fight evil with good, we can do so in many ways, all across America. My call to America is to help somebody in need. Many of you in this audience have probably either been or are on your school boards. It's a job tougher than being President; I understand that. But by helping your public schools or helping any

school, it's helping fight evil with good. By being active citizens in your church or your synagogue or, for those Muslims, in your mosque, and adhering to the admission to love a neighbor just like you'd like to be loved yourself, that's how we can stand up. It is the momentum of millions of acts of kindness that take place all across America. That's how we stand up to evil.

And if any country can do it, it is this country, because this is a nation that is loving and strong, compassionate, God-fearing, a nation that will not relent when it comes to our most precious value, and that value is freedom.

Thanks for having me, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:41 a.m. in Exhibit Hall A at the Colorado Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Lynn Cornwell, past president, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Kenneth Engelbrecht, foreman at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX. The President also referred to EQIP, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### February 2

The President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that on February 1 the President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter ice storm on January 30 and continuing.

### February 4

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings and then met with Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov of Russia in the Oval Office.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton

Beach, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft to congratulate the team on their February 3 Super Bowl victory.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he signed the Economic Report of the President, an annual report produced by the Council of Economic Advisers.

The White House announced that the President welcomes the visit of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to Washington, DC, on February 6–7.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola, President Joaquim Alberto Chissano of Mozambique, and President Festus Gontebanye Mogae of Botswana to the White House on February 26.

#### **February 5**

In the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

#### **February 6**

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, in an Oval Office ceremony, he signed H.R. 400 establishing Ronald Reagan's boyhood home as a National Historic Site.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to New York City. In the afternoon, he met with Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York. Later, he attended a fundraiser at the private residence of Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his nomination of Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, to be Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

#### **February 7**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the Homeland Security Council.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Lima, Peru, on March 23 and to San Salvador, El Salvador, on March 24.

The President announced his intention to nominate James W. Pardew to be Ambassador to Bulgaria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susanne T. Marshall to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and, until confirmation, to designate her as Vice Chairman.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter ice storm on January 29 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter ice storm on January 29 and continuing.

#### **February 8**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Denver, CO.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Salt Lake City, UT, where they met with Gov. Michael O. Leavitt of Utah and his wife, Jacalyn S., in the Utah State Capitol, and then attended a reception in the Capitol Rotunda. Later, the President met with President Gordon B. Hinckley of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in President Hinckley's offices at the Church Administration Building, and then met with U.S. Olympic athletes in the HPER Complex at the University of Utah.

In the evening, the President participated in opening ceremonies for the XIX Olympic winter games at Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Jackson Hole, WY.

The President announced that the following individuals will serve as members of the Presidential delegation to the XIX Olympic winter games: Dorothy Koch; Lance Armstrong; Hayden Fry; Johnny Morris; Cal Ripken, Jr.; Sheryl Swoopes; Darrell Waltrip; Colin Powell; Mel R. Martinez; Gale A. Norton; Tommy Thompson; Ann M. Veneman; and Christine Todd Whitman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan Steven Adelstein to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### ***Submitted February 5***

Guy F. Caruso,  
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, vice Jay E. Hakes, resigned.

Daniel L. Cooper,  
of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of 4 years, vice Joseph Thompson, resigned.

Jose A. Fourquet,  
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, vice Mark L. Schneider, term expired.

Adolfo A. Franco,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 20, 2002, vice Jeffrey Davidow, resigned.

Adolfo A. Franco,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2008 (reappointment).

Roger Francisco Noriega,  
of Kansas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006, vice Harriett C. Babbitt, term expired.

Eugene Scalia,  
of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, vice Henry L. Solano, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from December 20, 2001, to January 23, 2002.

### ***Submitted February 6***

Warren Douglas Anderson,  
of South Dakota, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of 4 years, vice Lyle Weir Swenson, term expired.

Todd Walther Dillard,  
of Maryland, to be U.S. Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 4 years (reappointment).

Theophile Alceste Duroncelet,  
of Louisiana, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years, vice Charles Vincent Serio, resigned.

James Loren Kennedy,  
of Indiana, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of 4 years, vice Frank James Anderson, term expired.

James Joseph Parmley,  
of New York, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of New York for the term of 4 years, vice Edward Joseph Kelly, Jr., term expired.

James Thomas Plousis,  
of New Jersey, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of 4 years, vice Glenn Dale Cunningham, resigned.

Charles R. Reavis,  
of North Carolina, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of 4 years, vice Mark Reid Tucker.

Michael Robert Regan,  
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years, vice Walter D. Sokolowski, term expired.

Robert H. Roswell,  
of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of 4 years, vice Thomas L. Garthwaite.

Jesse Seroyer, Jr.,  
of Alabama, to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of 4 years, vice Florence M. Cauthen, term expired.